Subject No. 425.

Opening of additional Hobli Schools.

Summary of discussion.—More schools are required in this Taluk. Several villages are without any.

Dewan's reply.—They will be supplied in due course.

Subject No. 426.

Levy of water-cess on Inam wet lands.

Summary of discussion.—It is rumoured that water cess will be levied on the Inam wet lands granted by His Highness the late Maharaja. The contribution to which they are already subjected is itself a sufficient return for the water given. If a cess is also levied, it would amount to levying a full assessment. The proposed cess should not be levied.

Dewan's reply.—There is no such order.

Subject No. 427.

Deputy Commissioners to grant free timber for rebuilding houses destroyed by fire.

Summary of discussion.—Deputy Commissioners should be authorized to grant the timber which Government allows to be given to poor people to rebuild houses destroyed by fire. At present a reference to Government on each occasion causes much delay and inconvenience. (*Vide* also Subject No. 371. *supra.*)

Dewan's reply.—Rules will be prescribed.

Subject No. 428.

Extension of the Municipal Regulation and the Elective System to Nanjangud.

Summary of discussion.—The Municipal Regulation and the system of electing members to the Municipal Board, which are now in force in Bangalore and Mysore, should be extended to Nanjangud. Municipal Commissioners should be changed once in five years. The present members of the Board at Nanjangud are of too long standing to take an active interest in Municipal matters.

Dewan's reply.—The proposed new Regulation will apply to Nanjangud also. It is doubtful that the election system can be extended at present.

Subject No. 429.

Enhancement of House Tax in Nanjangud.

Summary of discussion.—The house tax already heavy at Nanjangud has been suddenly and considerably increased by the Municipal Vice-President. The Government should kindly enquire and judge how far this Municipality is justified in imposing these heavy taxes which are beyond the means of people to pay.

Dewan's reply.—(As the speaker was not prepared with statistics in support of his representation). Represent at the Jamabandi time. Excessive assessment will be reduced. But the present revision has been undertaken as a general measure as the last valuation was made a very long time ago. (*Vide* also remarks on a similar representation from Hunsur).

Subject No. 430.

A Government English School at Nanjangud.

Summary of discussion.—A Government English School is required at Nanjangud. The present Mission School is inefficient and otherwise unsuitable to local wants. Application was made to the Education Secretary who replied that if the Municipality would discontinue its grant, the Education Department will take action in establishing a Government School under the Rules. Thereupon a petition was presented

to the Vice-President who has taken no notice of it though a year has lapsed.

Dewan's reply.—The Deputy Commissioner will enquire into this and do the needful.

Subject No. 431.

Levy of contributions on lands irrigated by certain channels.

Summary of discussion.—No contributions should be levied on lands irrigated by branch channels drawn from the main Rampur and Hulhalli channels.

Dewan's reply.—Contributions are payable according to agreement on all lands benefited by the better irrigation provided by these channels.

Subject No. 432.

A Deputy Amildar's Cutcherry and a Police Station at Ummattur, Chamrajnagar Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—A Deputy Amildar's Cutcherry and a Police Station are required at Ummattur or Santé Marahalli where there is a large and important weekly fair. At present there is considerable local inconvenience and insecurity.

Dewan's reply.—The proposal for a Police Station will be considered by the Inspector General of Police.

Subject No. 433.

Better management and supervision of temples.

Summary of discussion.—There are great abuses in the Chamarajesvara temple. The *Tasdik Patti* prescribed by the late Maharaja is not observed. This is the case in several important temples of the country. A Committee should be appointed to examine these *Pattis* and existing practices and lay down what services prescribed in the *Tasdik Pattis* should be performed and what not. This is an essential duty of a Native Government; or let Local Fund Boards be asked to make the necessary enquiries and prescribe the necessary rules for future guidance. It is after a settlement like this for every important temple that the appointment of *Dharmadarsis* (Supervisors of charities) to superintend and enforce the observance of these rules would be useful. At present *Dharmadarsis* where they have been appointed do make suggestions for improved management, but these do not command approval. In one place, for example, *Ramanujakuta* is abolished and Srivaishnava travellers are put to much inconvenience. In another place the supplying of provisions is given out on contract for three months at a time and for prices often much higher than the ruling market rates and so on.

Dewan's reply.—This will be considered. Meanwhile the Muzurayi Superintendent is taking action in the direction indicated.

Subject No. 434.

Better management and supervision of Chattrams.

Summary of discussion.—Similar enquiries should be made regarding public *Chattrams*. The advent of the Railway has changed conditions much. *Chattrams* on roads which are now superseded by Railways are no longer useful there and the endowments of these *chattrams* are misappropriated